

City of Dawsonville
September 13, 2004
Regular Meeting of the City Council

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Those present were Mayor Joe Lane Cox, Council Members Jonathan Cox, Tim Wimpey, Mike Sosebee and Mike Wilson, Kim Cornelison, Dana Miles and concerned citizens of the City of Dawsonville and Dawson County.

Invocation and Pledge: Mayor Cox led the invocation and pledge.

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Wimpey made a motion to revise the August 25, 2004 meeting minutes under the mayor's report specifically relating to the public apology Mayor Cox made. Councilman Wimpey asked that the minutes reflect everything the Mayor had said in that meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike Wilson with Wimpey and Wilson for, Cox and Sosebee against. The Mayor broke the tie by voting to leave the minutes as written. The motion did not pass.

Jonathan Cox made a motion to approve all the minutes (August 25, 2004 called meeting and executive session minutes, and September 2, 2004 called meeting and executive session minutes). Mike Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried three to one, with Councilman Wimpey opposed.

Old Business:

Timber Audit: City Attorney Dana Miles recapped the Timber audit stating that the audit was success and that all of the timber business was in line and accounted for.

New Business:

Thunder Road U.S.A.: Mrs. Annie Dean Samples, Coordinator of the Volunteer Program, spoke in favor of continuing to support Thunder Road U.S.A. Mrs. Samples reported to the Council the volunteer network and the projects the volunteers work on. Specifically the car shows, the events, and the opening of TRUSA every weekend by the Volunteer Program. Mrs. Samples emphasized the how TRUSA reflects the history of our community and the main goal of the Volunteer Program is to keep the museum open.

David Sosebee spoke in favor of TRUSA. Mr. Sosebee wanted to stress the costs of building materials and the fact that a facility like TRUSA could not be built by today's prices. Mr. Sosebee pointed out that alternative ideas may need to be considered to fund programs. He also spoke about the fact that national television programs have contacted several people in Dawson regarding the racing legacy that is Dawson

County's history, and wanted to emphasize the need for people to work together to make this project work.

Mr. Lloyd Ledbetter spoke on behalf of TRUSA regarding professional ball fields and the advertisement in signage around parks that could be utilized to advertise TRUSA.

Mayor Cox praised the volunteers for their efforts and spoke in favor of the citizens of our county who work tirelessly in all of their volunteer efforts. Mayor Cox committed to the citizens that he will seek every grant possible to make TRUSA go forward.

Disposition of Records: Kim Cornelison asked the council to approve the disposition of records that met the criteria of the City's records retention ordinance. Jonathan Cox made a motion to properly dispose of the old records. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Christmas Tree Lighting: Kim Cornelison asked the council to set the date for the annual Christmas tree lighting activities for the first Friday in December (December 3, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.) and to authorize the rental of Christmas decorations from "December Lights". Bob Chezem spoke about the services provided by December Lights and the terms of his services. Pole decorations run \$100 each, plus labor to install. Councilman Wimpey spoke about Santa being available in the past, Councilman Cox said that Syclone did digital photos last year. The Mayor appointed a Committee of Jonathan Cox, Kim Cornelison and Bob Chezem to coordinate the Christmas activities and decorations.

Jonathan Cox made a motion to set the date for the Christmas Tree Lighting for Friday, December 3, 2004 and for Councilman Cox and the City Clerk to move forward with December Lights on the Christmas lighting. Mike Wilson seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Pension Benefits Secretary Appointment: Councilman Cox made a motion to appoint Kim Cornelison as the Pension Benefits Secretary, Mike Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Permit Fee Resolution: Motion was made by Tim Wimpey, seconded by Mike Wilson to defer the Permit Fee Resolution until the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Manual: Dana Miles spoke regarding the personnel manual and wanted instruction specifically regarding the probationary period. Councilman Wimpey asked to include a table of contents and that the ninety-day probationary period remain. Councilman Cox felt clarification was needed regarding the personal leave accrual process. Dana Miles addressed that the personal leave and the council concurred that a 30-day cap was in order. Tim Wimpey made a motion to approve the first reading of the Personnel Manual. Mike Wilson seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Policy on Meeting and Expense Reimbursement for Mayor, Council, and Planning Commission: This is a resolution to establish compensation rates for council members for the purpose of attending outside meetings and to establish compensation for Planning Commission member, and to establish travel expense reimbursement policies. Jonathan Cox made a motion to approve the first reading; Mike Wilson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission Appointment: Mike Sosebee appointed Clara Sharp to the Planning Commission. Ms. Sharp replaces the vacancy left by Fred Youngman.

Proclamation for Clean Water Month: Mayor Cox read the proclamation, which is included herein.

United Way temporary sign: Mike Berg spoke on behalf of the United Way and asked the Council to grant United Way approval to put a temporary fundraising “thermometer” type sign in front of United Community Bank. Jonathan Cox made a motion to allow the temporary sign, Mike Wilson Seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Jonathan Cox made a motion to waive the fees for the sign, Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Cox reminded everyone to please sign in their attendance to the meeting – the sign-in sheet is located on the back table.

The 8th Annual Community Picnic is September 14, 2004 at Amicalola Falls and the community is invited to attend.

Lastly, the City is proud to announce that Mrs. Jessica Roth has accepted the position of Planning and Zoning Director and will be starting on October 11, 2004.

Public Comment: None.

Executive Session:

Tim Wimpey made a motion to go in to Executive Session for the purpose of Land Acquisition and Personnel. Mike Sosebee seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

At 10:00 p.m. Jonathan Cox made a motion to return to regular session. Mike Sosebee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Wimpey made a motion, seconded by Mike Wilson, to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to move forward on the personnel matters that were decided in executive session in regards to positions within the City.

The zoning map does not correctly reflect the Summerour property. It was inadvertently left off the new zoning map in terms of its zoning designation. The property was previously designated as R-2. Jonathan Cox made a motion, seconded by Mike Sosebee to correct the zoning map to designate the Summerour property as R-2. The motion carried unanimously.

Jonathan Cox made a motion to proceed with the future land acquisition as discussed in Executive session. Mike Sosebee seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor announced that the City intends to enter into a nine-month lease agreement with Thunder Road USA.

Adjournment: There being no further business of the City of Dawsonville, Tim Wimpey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m. Mike Wilson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2004.

Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

Councilman Jonathan Cox

Councilman Tim Wimpey

Councilman Mike Sosebee

Councilman Mike Wilson

Attested: _____
Kim Cornelison, City Clerk

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Executive Session of the City Council
Minutes

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at _____ p.m.

Those present: Joe Cox, Dana Miles, Jonathan Cox, Tim Wimpey, Mike Sosebee, Mike Wilson and Kim Cornelison.

Executive Session was held for the purpose of discussion and deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action, dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a City officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(6); and

Discussion of future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(4).

After discussing the matters specified for executive session, Jonathan Cox made a motion to go to return to regular session; Tim Wimpey seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimous.

Minutes approved this ____ day of _____, 2004.

Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

Jonathan Cox, Councilman

Tim Wimpey, Councilman

Mike Sosebee, Councilman

Mike Wilson, Councilman

Attest: _____
Kim Cornelison, City Clerk